

REMARKS

The remainder of this Reply is set forth under appropriate subheadings for the convenience of the Examiner.

Office Action

On the Office Action Summary page of the Office Action mailed from the US Patent and Trademark Office on March 2, 2005, the Examiner indicated that a PTO form 892 was attached to the Office Action. No PTO form 892 was attached to the Office Action received by Applicant's Attorney. Applicant's Attorney requests that the Examiner forward the PTO form 892 or notify Applicant in writing that no PTO for 892 was attached to the Office Action.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification was amended at page 5, lines 7 through 11 to correct a typographical in the abbreviation for glomerulonephritis. Support for this amendment is found in the Figure.

The specification was amended at page 8, lines 7 through 9 to correct a typographical error in the designation of oxygen.

The specification was amended at page 17, lines 8 through 17 to correct a self-evident typographical error in the description of the glomerular filtration rate. Support for this amendment is found in the specification, for example, at page 16, lines 3-7.

Table 1 was amended to correct a typographical error in the abbreviation of Henoch-Schonlein Purpura. Support for this amendment is found in Table 1, line 39.

No new matter is added. Entry is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1-15 Under The Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-15 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-3 of copending Application No: 10/820,537, Claims 1-18 of copending Application No: 10/731,521 and Claims 17, 19-32 and 53 of copending Application No: 09/553,496.

Applicant is filing concurrently with this Reply a Terminal Disclaimer that disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application that extends beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§154 to 156 and §173 on pending Application Numbers 09/553,496, filed on April 20, 2000; 10/731,521, filed on December 9, 2003; and 10/820,537, filed on April 8, 2004 thereby obviating the rejection.

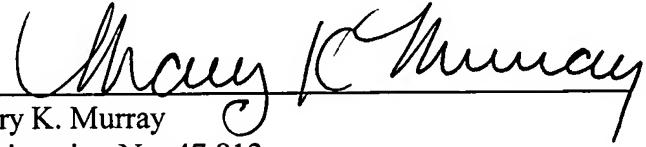
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed concurrently with this Reply, thereby obviating the obviousness type doubling patenting rejection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims under consideration.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to call Applicant's undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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